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6. (Confidential - JMM) Met with James Kendall, Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Preparedness Investigating of Senate Armed Services Committee, and, in response to his request, gave him a copy of the "Guide to CIA Statutes and Law." Mr. Kendall said he wished some documentation on the creation, composition and responsibilities of the USIB on an unclassified basis. I said all the formal documents on this question were NSC directives pursuant to Section 102 (d) of the National Security Act of 1947 and that these would have to be obtained, if at all, from the NSC rather than the Agency. Kendall said if necessary he would settle for just a simple statement saying that the questions he had raised were covered by classified NSC directives. I said we would provide him what we could. He said he was raising similar questions regarding the authorities and organization of the NSC, DIA, NSA, INR, PFIAB, and the service intelligence agencies.

7. (Confidential - JMM) Delivered to Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, a followup paper covering a question put to General Westmoreland by Senator Symington during the course of Committee hearings on the Okinawa Reversion Treaty.

8. (Confidential - JMM) Robert Blum, new member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff involved in analyzing the "Pentagon Papers," called to say he would like to meet to discuss arrangements for working with the Agency in his project. He said he and two colleagues, Robert Biles and Ann Hollick, who have DOD security clearances, would also be involved. I explained to him that [REDACTED] would be his main point of contact and arranged for them to meet on Tuesday, 7 December, at 2:00 p.m. for discussion with [REDACTED] and me.

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9. (Confidential - JMM) Ambassador Wymberly Coerr, INR, called to obtain our recommendations regarding the Secretary's comment to the Foreign Relations Committee about the Symington Resolution (S. Res. 192) establishing a select committee to oversee U.S. activities abroad under the authority of the ambassador. I provided some suggested language which made the point that such oversight would conflict with Presidential prerogatives, since the ambassador was the personal representative of the President. Coerr was not sure this would work and as a fallback position suggested language requiring the ambassador to keep the committees "generally informed" rather than "fully informed." I said if this was the best they could do we would probably have to go along with it. I explained that our comments had already been requested by the Armed Services Committee which was also involved.

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